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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

1. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CHANGES RECENTLY EFFECTED
AND SCHEDULED IN THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THESE CHANGES AND THE PER-
SONALITIES INVOLVED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ENRICO MACCHIA HAS ASSUMED THE POSITION OF DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THUS FILLING THE
POSITION LEFT VACANT SINCE THE DEPARTURE LAST SPRING OF
PASQUALE RICCIULLI, WHO WAS POSTED TO IRELAND AS AMBAS-
SADOR. MACCHIA'S GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVELY
IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POSITIONS. HE RETURNS TO ROME
AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ABOUT 20 YEARS, DURING WHICH HE SPENT
14 CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN VARIOUS POSITIONS AT ITALIAN
DELEGATION TO EC IN BRUSSELS, ULTIMATELY AS MINISTER-
COUNSELOR. HIS MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT (EARLY 1976
TO LATE 1977) WAS AS ONE OF THREE SOUNSELORS TO OECD
OVER ONE YEAR SHY OF MANDATORY RETIREMENT AND HAS
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SPENT LESS THAN TWO YEARS IN ROME DURING HIS GOVERN-
MENT CAREER (WHICH BEGAN IN 1939), IT IS UNLIKELY
THAT HE WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DIRECTORATE
GENERAL. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECOMIN, MACCHIA EVINCED
STRONG INTEREST IN VARIOUS MULTILATERAL ISSUES.
MACCHIA SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

B. GIOVANNI MIGLIUOLO,, FORMERLY ENERGY COORDINATOR (HENCE AT A LEVEL BETWEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL AND OFFICE DIRECTOR), HAS ASSUMED POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EMIGRATION. THIS PLACES HIM ON PAR WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS AT HIGHEST CIVIL SERVICE LEVEL WITHIN MINISTRY BELOW THAT OF SECRETARY GENERAL. WHILE THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A PROMOTION FOR MIGLIUOLO, IT ROBS ECONOMIC BUREAU OF PROBABLY ITS MOST EFFECTIVE SENIOR OFFICIAL. MIGLIUOLO STOOD HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE HIS COLLEAGUES AS PERSON COMBINING ENERGY, HARD WORK, INTELLIGENCE, DRIVE AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS. ALTHOUGH WELL DISPOSED TO THE US, MIGLIUOLO DID NOT HESITATE TO CRITICIZE US POLICIES AND INITIATIVES WHEN THEY RAN COUNTER TO PERCEIVED ITALIAN INTERESTS. MIGLIUOLO INVARIABLY DID HIS HOMEWORK AND WAS AMONG ITALIAN DIPLOMATS IN PLAYING FORCEFUL ROLE BOTH IN DOMESTIC INTER-AGENCY DECISION-MAKING AND IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. AT AGE 50, MIGLIUOLO CAN BE EXPECTED TO MOVE TO HIGHEST LEVELS IN ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE (HE TOLD EDMIN CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE TURNED DOWN OFFER OF EMBASSY IN IRAN BEFORE ACCEPTING PRESENT POSITION), HELD BACK ONLY BY LACK OF STRONG POLITICAL SUPPORT AND WHAT HIS COLLEAGUES MAY SEE AS TOO AGRRESSIVE A PERSONALITY. CONTRARY TO REPORT IN 75 USUN 1177, MIGLIUOLO'S WIFE IS OF CZECH ORIGIN. THEY HAVE FOUR BOYS, VARYING IN APPROXIMATE AGE FROM 25 TO 16. OLDEST IS RECENT PH.D. RECIPIENT FROM UNIVERSITY

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OF ROCHESTER IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS OR ENGINEERING. MIGLIUOLO SPEAKS GOOD, THOUGH ACCENTED, ENGLISH.

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C. PIETRO CALAMIA, COORDINATOR FOR EC/GATT AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO THE EC. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY RENATO RUGGIERO, WHO HAS SERVED WITH THE EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS SINCE 1970. CALAMIA ENJOYS A GOOD REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE BRIGHT YOUNG ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS (47 YEARS OLD) IN THE MINISTRY. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE FOUND HIM ACCESSIBLE, FRIENDLY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE BUT ALMOST INVARIABLY HEWING 100 PER CENT TO THE EC LINE ON WHATEVER ISSUE IS IN QUESTION AND SELDOM VOLUNTEERING THOUGHTS OF HIS OWN. MARRIED. SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

D. THEODORO FUXA, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE VI (EC AND GATT), HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO CHICAGO AS CONSUL GENERAL. FUXA WAS BORN AT PALERMO IN 1934 AND GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO WITH A DEGREE IN JURISPRUDENCE. HE ENTERED THE ITALIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1960 AND HAS SERVED EXCLUSIVELY IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POSITIONS. ABROAD HE HAS SERVED AT NEW YORK, BOGOTA, MONTREAL AND TUNIS IN THAT ORDER. WITHIN MFA HE HAS SERVED, WITHIN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, IN OFFICE III
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(AFRICA), OFFICE IX (COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION) BEFORE HIS PRESENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF OFFICE VI. FUXA IS FRIENDLY BUT SOMEWHAT RESERVED AND CLOSE-MOUTHED. FOLLOWING THE LEAD OF HIS SUPERIOR, CALAMIA, FUXA SELDOM IF EVER DEPARTED FROM THE EC LINE OR COMMENTED ON MATTERS OUTSIDE HIS IMMEDIATE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. EMBASSY OFFICERS FOUND HIS REMARKS TO BE USUALLY PRECISE AND TO THE POINT. OCCASIONALLY, ALMOST AS THOUGH HE WISHED TO COMPENSATE FOR EARLIER MOMENTS OF LITTLE COMMUNICATION, HE ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE, FRANK AND VALUABLE EXCHANGES. HE IS SERIOUS, HARDWORKING AND GRACIOUS. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY HIS PRESENT DEPUTY, ROBERTO NIGIDO.

E. EMANUELE COSTA, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE VII (ENERGY), HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS COUNSELOR IN MADRID. SUBSTANTIVELY COSTA WAS VERY MUCH OVERSHADOWED BY MIGLIUOLO, WHO OBVIOUSLY MAINTAINED A TIGHT REIN OVER ACTIVITIES OF

COSTA'S OFFICE. EMBASSY HAS FOUND COSTA TO BE VERY FRIENDLY BUT A NON-STOP, SOMEWHAT DISJOINTED TALKER. MARRIED. SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

F. GIOVANNI MINGAZZINI HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF OFFICE VIII (MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS). MINGAZZINI RANKED HIGH IN EMBASSY'S OPINION AMONG THE TEN OFFICE DIRECTORS IN TERMS OF INTELLIGENCE, ATTENTIVENESS TO ISSUES AT HAND, MOVER WITHIN BUREAUCRACY AND PERSON WITH WHOM MEANINGFUL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE. MINGAZZINI HAS BEEN REPLACED BY GIUSEPPE SANTORO, WHO HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE WITHOUT SPECIFIC LINE RESPONSIBILITY. HE WAS CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENT MATERS. LIKE VIRTUALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL OF THE OFFICE DIRECTORS, HE HOLDS DIPLOMATIC RANK OF COUNSELOR.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MACCHIA AND RUGGIERO FROM DEPARTMENT, USOECD AND/OR USEC.GARDNER

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